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SUBSTRATE LAYERS DURING CMOS PROCESSING

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 13, 2005, in connection with the patent application identified above. Applicants enclose a Petition for Extension of Time for one month and the appropriate fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are required. However, please charge any other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 01-1700.

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